



To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Arnold Berman, President of Event Resources Inc, an Event Planning and Production company in East Hartford.

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB-6187, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and would force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide to our employees. We offer a more than fair compensation package that is agreed upon at the time of hiring. We would rather have our employees at work being productive for us and for our customers rather than be home sick. Our employees pay is set with the understanding that they have no paid sick days and is adjusted upward accordingly. Our employees are paid at a higher rate than we could afford to pay them if we also offered paid sick days.

I urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Berman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Arnold Berman  
President